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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH GDR CHARGE

1. EUR/CE DIRECTOR ANDERSON CALLED IN GDR CHARGE JULY 29
TO PRESENT DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF GDR
DRAFT PARCEL POST AGREEMENT. HE ALSO RAISED HUMANITARIAN
CASES AND EMBASSY TELEX.

2. PARCEL POST AGREEMENT: ANDERSON NOTED THE DEPARTMENT'S
AND USPS'S INTEREST IN CONCLUDING A PARCEL POST
AGREEMENT AT AN EARLY DATE. HOWEVER, THE GDR HAS INSERTED
TWO POLITICAL POINTS INTO THEIR TEXT WHICH WOULD HAVE
TO BE RESOLVED BEFORE THE RESPECTIVE POSTAL AUTHORITIES
COULD CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO CONCLUDE AN
AGREEMENT. THE GDR'S DELIBERATE DELETION OF ANY REFERENCE
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UNACCEPTABLE. THE LONG-STANDING US POLICY HAS BEEN, AND

CONTINUES TO BE, THAT US TERRITORIES ARE MENTIONED IN SUCH AGREEMENTS. ALL PARCEL POST AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED SINCE WORLD WAR TWO HAVE ALL CONTAINED SUCH REFERENCES, INCLUDING THE 1950 AGREEMENT WITH CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. ANDERSON ALSO NOTED THAT THE GDR PREAMBLE CONTAINED A VERY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO CSCE AND THE PRINCIPLE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY AND NON-INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE EXPLAINED THAT THE US VIEWS THE CSCE FINAL ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY AND CANNOT, THEREFORE, ACCEPT REFERENCES WHICH SINGLE OUT SPECIFIC PRINCIPLES TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE OTHERS. HOWEVER, RECOGNIZING THE GDR'S DESIRE TO HAVE SOME MENTION OF THE CSCE IN THE PREAMBLE, THE US WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A GENERAL REFERENCE. THEREFORE ANDERSON PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE "AND NOTING THE RESULTS OF THE CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE" BE INSERTED IN THE PREAMBLE IN PLACE OF THE LENGTHIER GDR VERSION WHICH ALSO INCLUDED A REFERENCE TO INTERNATIONAL LAW. ANDERSON EXPLAINED THAT THE US PROPOSAL WAS OFFERED IN THE HOPE THAT BOTH SIDES COULD SETTLE THIS ISSUE IN ORDER TO CLEAR THE WAY FOR THE FINAL AGREEMENT. ELM MADE NO COMMENT, BUT PROMISED TO FORWARD THE US PROPOSAL TO BERLIN.

4. EMBASSY TELEX: ANDERSON EXPRESSED THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN OVER THE GDR'S FAILURE TO PERMIT THE EMBASSY TO OPERATE A TELEX LINK WITH THE US MISSION AND REQUESTED ELM TO CONVEY TO BERLIN OUR DESIRE FOR A SPEEDY RESOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM. ELM PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW WHY THE TELEX WAS BEING DELAYED.

5. HUMANITARIAN CASES: ANDERSON EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THE SETTLEMENT OF SEVERAL HUMANITARIAN CASES IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. WE ARE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL CASES TO BE RESOLVED SOON AND SPECIFICALLY THE CASE OF MISS VERONIKA PROTSCH WHO HAS STILL NOT RECEIVED AN EXIT VISA DESPITE ELM'S RECENT ASSURANCES THAT ALL WAS IN ORDER IN THIS CASE.

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6. ANDERSON ALSO TOOK THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THE DEPARTMENT'S APPRECIATION FOR THE CORDIAL BICENTENNIAL CEREMONY ARRANGED BY THE LEAGUE FOR PEOPLES' FRIENDSHIP. KISSINGER

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